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Last Defendant Sentenced in Pomona Residential Robbery, Attempted Murder Case

A 21-year-old woman was sentenced today to five years in state prison for robbing a man, which led to the victim being shot, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office announced.

On Jan. 28, a jury convicted Shatera Latrice Simpson of first-degree residential robbery in case KA107699. Jurors also found true a principle armed allegation.

On Sept. 20, Simpson's co-defendant, Carlos Smith, 24, pleaded guilty to one count of attempted murder in the same case. On the day of his plea, Smith was sentenced to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Lauren Guber, who prosecuted the case, said at the time of the crime Simpson was working as a prostitute and Smith was her pimp.

On Sept. 26, 2014, Smith followed Simpson as she visited a man in his Pomona home. While Simpson was in the home, Smith broke into the house, confronted the man and demanded money from him, the prosecutor said.

The man gave Smith money, the prosecutor said, and then Smith ordered the victim to provide access to his home safe.

At that point, the victim ran out of his front door and Smith shot him. The victim was struck in the arm and stomach, the prosecutor added.

Following the shooting, Simpson and Smith fled the scene. With the assistance of the victim, authorities were able to locate Simpson and arrest her the next day. Smith was apprehended less than two weeks later, according to the prosecutor.

The case was investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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